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**WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS** 

## New Job Brings Gruenther Close to Old Friend Ike

Don't Overlook Any Clues, Says Intelligence Chief

Recalling Time He Declined to See Bearded Russian

Buffalo Evening News Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19-Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, retiring NATO military chief, passed up at least three offers from industry, at salaries between \$100,000

and \$150,000 a year, to take the \$30,000 post of president of the American Red Cross.

This is a break or President Eisenhower because the general will have his office just down the street from the street from the White House

Gen. Gruenther and will be handy for frequent consultation.

There was talk of adding Gen. The Gisenbowers also are designed to the general's counsel without rekindling accasional protests against too many military men in administrative positions.

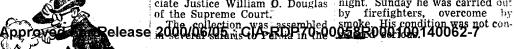
The Eisenhowers also are delighted to regain favorite bridge partners because the Gruenthers will reside here.

This Russian Became Famous Allen W. Dulles, hard-working director of the Central Intelligence Agency, reminds himself of a World War I experience whenever he or his staff is in-clined to take a suggested clue

lightly.
Mr. Dulles was in Switzerland and up to his ears in intelligence errands. He was asked if he wanted to talk with a "bearded Russian," but turned down the invitation after he had checked with some other U. S. officials, all of whom agreed it would be a waste

It was only a couple of weeks later that Mr. Dulles learned that the Russian was Nicolai Lenin, en route to Russia to join the rev-

Take Your Mink Coat Incidentally, ladies, if you plan



to attend the inauguration take your mink coat. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac just off the press, the weather will be "very cold."

Reservists Study City Government Boy Scouts have been doing it annually in various cities for years, but these Army reservists are practicing just in case some-

day they have to do it for real.
On the first Saturday of each month, a corps of Army reservists moves into suburban Rockville, Md., to work with city administrators and employes.

They probe the interview workings.

They probe the inner workings of a city administration as training for that possible day when the Army may have to take over

quiet, Democratic Party stalwart past half-dozen years. The justice from Chicago, Rep. Gordon, who also brought specimens of more-once told his predecessor that he casily, identified flowers from never wanted the job as chair- Lebanon, and these already are man.

Committee colleagues recall that Mr. Gordon once asked the retiring chairman, Rep. Richards (D, S. C.), to keep him posted on retirement plans. Mr. Gordon explained that he wanted to retire rather than move into line for the chairmanship.

But Mr. Richards retired and Mr. Gordon agreed to continue on, winning re-election handily by a three-to-two margin. The former banker and Chicago city treasurer has shown little personal initiative on foreign affairs issues to date, but associates say he can be counted on to hew closely to policies laid down by Democratic leaders.

Chill Well Before Planting

More than 300 specimens of rare wild flowers from Iran, carefully classified after several years of research by expert botanists, were presented to the National Herbarium this week by Associate Justice William D. Douglas of the Supreme Court.

Lebanon, and these already are on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

.On a trip to the Arctic, the much-traveled jurist collected some flower seeds which he turned over to the Department of Agriculture here for growing. They temporarily baffled the hotanists, who finally "planted" them under cold conditions. The flowers soon bloomed.

## Parking Problem Solved

A group of employes at Washington's main post office has licked the parking problem by leasing a lot and going into the parking business on the side. Now their union local is so sold on the idea it is dickering to buy the lot and some additional space nearby. Members pay \$6 a month; non-members pay \$7.

## Baptism of Fire

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 19 (P) - Michael Interlandi moved into a new apartment Saturday night. Sunday he was carried out by firefighters, overcome by

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